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Tobacco, poverty and the Millennium Development Goals

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with concern the escalation in smoking and other forms of tobacco use worldwide,

Recognizing the adverse impact of tobacco consumption on public health and poverty eradication,

Expressing concern that the rise in tobacco consumption could undermine the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force,[1]

Welcoming the adoption of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, adopted by consensus in 2003 by all member States of the World Health Organization,

Emphasizing the need for expeditious entry into force of the Framework Convention and its effective implementation at the country level,

1. *Calls upon* Member States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying, accepting, approving or formally confirming the Convention and upon those who have not yet signed the Convention to consider acceding to it at the earliest opportunity, with a view to bringing the Convention into force as soon as possible;

2. *Urges* Member States to strengthen tobacco control measures in their national programmes and to incorporate tobacco control in their Millennium Development Goals strategy in order to reduce the burden of disease and to alleviate poverty;

[1] E/2004/55.

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3. *Calls upon* the relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and the regional economic commissions to include tobacco control in their strategies for implementing the Millennium Development Goals and to mainstream tobacco control in their operational programmes at the country level;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of this resolution, including on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, to its substantive session in 2006.